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conical, like a narrow thimble, sometimes an inch in length, less soft and fleshy and possessed of a peculiar flavor.

Abundant on the higher mountains of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, it goes everywhere by the name of "the mountain blackberry."

ASTER PRENANTHOIDES, (Muhl.), var. LONGIFOLIUS.

Leaves thin, deep green, sharply serrate above the middle, the larger ones 5 to 8 inches in length, narrowly lanceolate, tapering into a long acumination, the contraction below the middle nearly obsolete.

This well-marked variety has been found in Northampton, Delaware and Luzerne Counties, Pennsylvania.

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### Botanical Notes.

*The Missouri Botanic Garden.* The provisions of the will of Mr. Henry Shaw, the philanthropic millionaire of St. Louis, have recently been made public, and botanists have every reason to be highly gratified with them. For the whole of his vast estate, representing a present valuation of more than \$3,000,000, is left in trust for the support of the gardens which were his delight during the latter portion of his long life-time, and which will thus be supplied with an income second only to that of Kew. This must give a most powerful impetus to the study of botany and horticulture. The great income, it is stated, will probably be materially increased in the appreciation in value of real estate now lying on the outskirts of the city.

Dr. Wm. Trelease, the professor of Botany in Washington University, has been fittingly chosen as Director of this important establishment. His time must necessarily be largely occupied with administrative details, but we hope that these will not altogether interfere with further contributions from his pen towards the elucidation of critical problems in North American Botany.

### Reviews of Foreign Literature.

*Freie Gefässbündel in den Halmen von Olyra.* In a late number of "Flora" is an article by Fritz Müller from Brazil. The author describes the joints of a certain species of *Olyra*, a